IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS, EL PASO DIVISION

CANAL INSURANCE COMPANY,	§	
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Plaintiff,	§	
vs.	8	
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VMEN WEARING DOWN II C. OHADI DO	§	
XMEX TRANSPORT, LLC, CHARLES STRADER, LORENA MUNOZ,	8 §	
individually and on behalf of the	S S	
ESTATE OF LORENZO MUNOZ, and	§	NO. 3:13-cv-00156-KC
as next friend of L. M. and C. M.,	§	2.0.0.20 0. 00200 220
minor children, VIRGINIA MUNOZ,	§	
ROSA FRANCEWARE, individually	§	
and as next friend of E. L. F., a minor,	_	
and as administratrix of the ESTATE	§	
OF ROGER FRANCEWARE, JESSICA LOPEZ, Administratrix of the	§ §	
ESTATE OF ROGER FRANCEWARE	S §	
and as next friend of A. F. and J. F.,	§	
minor children, A-Z TRAILERS, INC.,	§	
DYKES & DYKES TRAILERS, INC.,	§	
GOAL TRANSPORTS, INC. d/b/a	§	
CALVIN K.TRANSPORTATION, LLC,	8	
JOSE M. GOMEZ, ANDRES SOTELO,	§	
TRANS FRONT, INC., OSCAR	§	
FLORES, JOAQUIN CORTEZ SANCHEZ, TRANSPORTES	§ §	
AMERICANOS, and SMTC MEX-HOLD		
Defendants.	, <u>s</u>	JURY DEMANDED

BRIEF OF CANAL INSURANCE COMPANY REGARDING ISSUE OF MOOTNESS OF THE DUTY TO DEFEND

TO THE COURT:

Canal Insurance Company ("Canal"), Plaintiff, files this Brief on the questions raised by the Court in its recent Order [Doc. 72]. In response to the questions raised, Canal would advise the Court as follows:

- 1. <u>Question One:</u> To which parties did Canal provide a defense in the State Court Litigation?
- 2. Canal provided a defense to Xmex Transport, LLC and Charles Strader under reservations of rights. Canal also provided a defense to Moore Freight and its principals under a different policy of insurance issued by Canal to Moore Freight.
- 3. Question Two: May Canal, under the terms of any relevant document, seek reimbursement for any or all of its defense expenditures in the State Court Lawsuit?
- 4. Canal did not specifically reserve a right to seek reimbursement for defense costs and fees under the reservation of rights letters it issued in the defense of the State Court Lawsuit. However, to the extent Canal has to pay based on the MCS-90 endorsement contained in the Policy, then Canal has a right under the terms of the MCS-90 endorsement to seek reimbursement of any monies paid out under the MCS-90 endorsement.
- 5. <u>Question Three:</u> Is the duty to defend moot because the State Court Litigation has proceeded to final judgment?
- 6. At this time, it is not clear the State Court Litigation has proceeded to a final judgment. Although a verdict was rendered, it does not appear that as of May 22, 2013, a final judgment has been entered. After the final judgment is entered in the State Court Litigation, the court will retain plenary power for a period of time, during which time parties may file motions for new trial or notices

of appeal. Consequently, it does not appear the duty to defend inquiry is moot at this time.

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7. Canal prays for all relief, general or special, at law or in equity, to which it shows itself entitled to receive.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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___/s/ George T. Jackson___